

**Missouri Department of Public Safety
Peace Officers Standards and Training
Training Director's Meeting**

October 14, 2003

**MO State Highway Patrol Academy
Jefferson City, Missouri**

Training Directors Present:

Mary Warnecke, St. Louis Police Academy
J.D. Biram, MSHP Academy
Van Muschler, Western MO Regional Academy
David Millsap, Springfield Police Academy
Mike Wiggins, National Police Institute/CMSU
Paul Kennedy for S. A. Payne, MSWP Academy
Mike Kernan, Eastern MO Police Academy
Ron Delany, LETC Moberly
Rick McLaughlin, KCMO Police
Mick Covington, MO Sheriffs' Association Training
Ken Gregory, St. Louis County/Municipal Academy
Wayne Thomason, MO Southern State University Law Enforcement Academy
John Walker, MO Western State College Regional Law Enforcement Academy
Larry Yamnitz, MO Dept. of Conservation Training Academy
Michael Brown, Southeast MO State University Law Enforcement Academy
Hank Wizeman, Jefferson College Police Training Institute
Mark Byington, MO Police Corps

Trainer Directors Not Present:

Mark Potratz, Mineral Area Law Enforcement Academy
Gary Maddox, LETI

DPS/POST Staff Present:

Charles Jackson, Director
Jill Lahue, General Counsel DPS
Jeremy Spratt, Program Manager
Gayla Kempker, POST

Visitors:

Lawrence Fleming, SEMO Law Enforcement Academy
Ron Carroll, MO Sheriffs' Association Training
Dorinda Dameron, LETC Moberly
Flint Roufs, Springfield Police Academy

Jeremy Spratt opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending this meeting. Director Jackson and Mark Byington were going to be late, so Mr. Spratt began the meeting.

All attendees introduced themselves and announced what training center they were affiliated with.

Jeremy Spratt asked the directors to check the contact information that POST has for their respective training center, in regards to addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Any corrections should be given to Gayla Kempker so she can update the POST database and website.

Jeremy Spratt then informed the directors that the Domestic Violence review committee had met in May 2003 and revised the learning objectives and source documents. He presented each attendee a copy of the revision and informed them that since there was no modification to the length of time allotted for the objectives, it was not necessary to obtain the approval of the POST Commission before implementing the revisions. He stated the POST Commission would be made aware of the revisions, they would be filed with the Secretary of State's Office and they would become effective six months after filing. He stated these objectives should be used in basic training, but POST could not mandate them until they become effective with the Secretary of State.

Jeremy Spratt informed the attendees he has conducted several programmatic audits of basic training centers and approved providers during the previous year. There seemed to be some problems in the area of continuing education courses. He presented the attendees an informational booklet on formatting and maintaining continuing education courses in an effort to alleviate these problems.

Jeremy Spratt presented the peace officer disciplinary report produced by POST Program Investigator David Kling.

Mark Byington presented the report submitted by the Defensive Tactics review committee. After meeting, discussing and cleaning up the objectives and source documents for the curricula of Defensive Tactics, the committees' recommendation was to increase the hours of training in Defensive Tactics to a block of 58 hours with the 8 subcategories. This would allow a variable number of hours to be taught in each of the subcategories, with a total of 58 Defensive Tactics training hours. In doing this, 12 hours were subtracted from the 24 hours of testing and added to Defensive Tactics. An additional 10 hours were added to the 470 hours curricula to make a total of 480 hours. The 600-hour curricula would remain the same and 12 hours would come out of testing and added to the Defensive Tactics block. This is the recommendation the committee will present to the POST Commission.

Mike Wiggins asked about the 1-hour block for Basic Study Skills and Notetaking regarding the Nelson-Denny Test. He suggested that the POST Commission eliminate this basic training requirement, since it serves no training purpose. It was decided that

the Training Directors' Association would discuss this topic in further detail during their meeting.

Jeremy Spratt reported on the Juvenile Justice Review Committee. The committee met and reviewed the objectives and source documents. They updated the objectives and source documents and determined that 8 hours was enough time to teach this block. The subject matter expert, Sandy Rempe is finishing the objectives and source documents and when they are complete, Jeremy Spratt will send a copy to each basic training center director. He will present these to the POST Commission at the April meeting. These changes will be filed with the Secretary of State's Office, along with the other curricula objective changes.

Jeremy Spratt stated that since the hours for Defensive Tactics changed in the 470 and 600-hour basic training, it was also necessary to make the changes in the Reserve Officer Training Curricula. He presented the attendees with the updated information and stated that this and the other Defensive Tactics revisions would need to be approved by the POST Commission before any changes could be implemented.

Charles Jackson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for doing a great job in maintaining the integrity of law enforcement officers through proper training. He informed the attendees that POST is funded by general revenue and he is still trying to find ways to keep POST funded.

Kenneth Gregory spoke about the qualifying standards for carry-concealed weapons. The qualifying standard in 75% and POST's qualifying standard is 70%. He inquired if we would want to change our standards. After discussion, it was determined that the qualifications were based on different hits on a target and most of the training centers have set higher standards.

It was also discussed that if the concealed carry law goes into effect, a committee needs to be formed to discuss the objectives in the basic training curriculum to include how to deal with concealed carry issues. Jeremy Spratt stated that he would send a request to all subject matter experts to determine where this needs to be addressed in the basic training curriculum.

The meeting was then adjourned.